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a pair of rotary magnetic heads having respectively different azimuth angels; and
a tape transporter for transporting said magnetic tape at a fast playback speed
equal to $(m \times n \pm 1)$ times said recording speed, where n is an integer other than zero, and 1 is a
value depending upon a data read-out rate representative of the percentage of data effectively
read out by the magnetic heads compared to the actual amount of data within a respective portion
of the magnetic tape.--

REMARKS

A telephone conference between Examiner Nguyen and Dennis Smid (one of the
applicant's undersigned attorneys) was held on July 17, 2002. The Applicant and Mr. Smid wish
to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration for such conference.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct
over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the
requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for
the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather,
these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which
Applicants are entitled.

Claims 2-4, 6-8 and 16-20, and amended claims 1 and 15 are in this application.

In the Communication dated June 18, 2002, the Examiner stated that (1) a
statement to indicate parent-continuation relationship cases in the first sentence of the
specification is required and (2) the amendment filed March 28, 2002 proposes amendments to
claims that do not comply with 37CFR 1.173(b) and a supplemental paper correctly amending
the reissue application is required.

With regard to the first above-mentioned item, the present application has been amended herein so as to indicate the “parent-continuation relationship” thereof.

With regard to the second above-mentioned item, the changes proposed to claims 1 and 15 in the amendment filed March 28, 2002 are re-presented herein in the matter discussed with the Examiner during the July 17th telephone conference. That is, two copies are provided herein which set forth the changes to claims 1 and 15 with the use of brackets to indicate matter to be deleted and underlining to indicate matter to be added. (As discussed during the July 17th telephone conference, in the March 28th amendment, one copy which set forth the changes to claims 1 and 15 with the use of brackets to indicate matter to be deleted and underlining to indicate matter to be added was provided along with one copy of a “clean” version of claims 1 and 15 in which matter to be deleted was omitted and the underlining (of the matter to be added) was removed.)

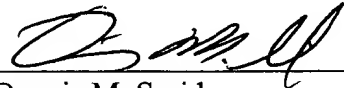
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims now in this application are allowable and the early issuance of an official notice to that effect is solicited.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

“This application is a continuation of application serial No. 08/895,597 filed July 16, 1997 which is a reissue of application serial No. 08/172,197 filed December 23, 1993 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,434,677.”

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IN THE CLAIMS

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Amend claims 1 and 15 by rewriting the same as follows:

--1. (Amended) Apparatus for reproducing digital video signals from a

magnetic tape, wherein a frame of digital video signals had been reported in 2m tracks (m is an integer greater than 1) when said magnetic tape was transported at a first speed, comprising:

a pair of rotary heads having respectively different azimuth angles for scanning traces across said magnetic tape, said traces substantially coinciding with said tracks when said magnetic tape is transported at said first speed; and

a tape transporter for transporting said magnetic tape at a second speed equal to $(m \times n \pm 1)$ times said first speed, where n is an integer other than zero, and 1 has a predetermined value depending upon the [configuration] arrangement of the heads relative to each other.

15. (Amended) Apparatus for reproducing digital video signals from a

magnetic tape, wherein a frame of digital video signals had been recorded in 2 m tracks (m is an integer greater than 1) when said magnetic tape was transported at a recording speed, each frame

having been divided into blocks of picture elements, said apparatus exhibiting a data read-out and comprising:

a pair of rotary magnetic heads having respectively different azimuth angels; and
a tape transporter for transporting said magnetic tape at a fast playback speed equal to $(m \times n \pm 1)$ times said recording speed, where n is an integer other than zero, and 1 is a value depending upon a data read-out rate representative of the percentage of data effectively read out by the magnetic heads compared to the actual amount of data within a respective portion of the magnetic tape.--